The regular monthly meeting of the Merrick County Joint Planning Commission was called to order by Chair Starostka at 7:02 p.m. Monday, December 21, 2015 in the Hearing Room at the courthouse in Central City. Upon roll call, those attending were Staroskta, Robinson, Riblett, Wichmann, Hannappel, Ferris, Wiegert, and Friedrichsen. Not present Ogden. Also present, Jen Myers, Zoning Administrator. Notice of meeting was printed in the Central City and Palmer Papers. Notice of this meeting was delivered to the Chairperson and members prior to the meeting. Open meeting notice procedures were presented by Starostka. Meeting minutes were available for review ten days prior to the meeting.

Robinson motions to approve the November 2015 minutes as written. Friedrichsen seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 8-0.

Wichmann motions to open public hearing for the Knightlake Subdivision Preliminary Plat submitted by Roger Knight and Angie Knight. Ferris seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 8-0. Public hearing opened 7:05 p.m.

Myers presented information about the subdivision and application. This subdivision is as a result of the divorce decree which provides for Mrs. Knight to get the house and the surveyed piece of ground outlined in the preliminary plat. Myers stated this subdivision has been approved without further review by DEQ due to it being an existing house. Two easements will be included on the plat, one for a utility easement and another for the driveway access. Neighbors including Monte and Eric Stelk were present to voice their concerns about the drainage issues that run along the south and east sides of this property. The Board stated this is more than likely a civil issue and will have to proceed accordingly. They are also concerned about potential future development of keeping rural living rural. The Board stated that the other issue they are dealing with at this meeting is the 2 acre subdivision. The other part will be dealt with when another application comes forward.

Ferris motions to close public hearing. Robinson seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 8-0. Friedrichsen motions to approve the Knightlake Subdivision. Wiegert seconds the motion, with roll call motion carries 8-0.

Ferris motions to approve the Final Plat of Knightlake Subdivision and recommend approval to the County Board of Supervisors. Wiegert seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 8-0.

Myers presented information regarding a small tract subdivision application for Christopher Rice in Section 15, Township 12, Range 8. Wichmann motions to approve the application and recommend approve to the County Board of Supervisors. Riblett seconds the motion. With roll call motion carries 8-0.

Myers also presented information regarding a small tract subdivision application for Norman Krug in Section 3, Township 12, Range 7. Ferris motions to approve the application and recommend approval to the County Board of Supervisors. Wiegert seconds the motion, with roll call motion carries 8-0.

Keith Marvin presented an opportunity to provide any final comments about the proposed regulations. Board talked about meeting dates and procedure for starting public hearings for the plan and regulations.

No public comment.

Starostka adjourns meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Next meeting January 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.